

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jeremy Mereness on Thursday October 14, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

a) Claim 68 has been replaced with:

--A replaceable tooth for use in a replaceable tooth assembly, said replaceable tooth comprising:

a body portion; and

a tooth portion,

said body portion extending along a longitudinal axis through said body portion,

and

said tooth portion being attached at one end of said body portion,

a bottom face of the body portion, distal to the

one end of said body portion where the tooth portion is attached, being tapered in a plane angled to the longitudinal axis,

the body portion including a longitudinal aperture through said body portion configured to receive a connection element, the longitudinal aperture extending from the

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tapered bottom face of the body portion to a shaped recess of the body portion being formed near to said tooth portion,

the shaped recess extending inwardly from a side of the body portion and extending longitudinally upward towards said tooth portion from a point partway along a length of said body portion, and

the shaped recess having at least two sides tapering outwardly relative to the longitudinal axis in a longitudinal direction towards said tooth portion.--.

b) in claims 69-85 line 1, "tip portion" has been replaced with --replaceable tooth--.

c) In claim 69 line 3, "removed portion" has been replaced with -- shaped recess--.

d) In claim 70 lines 2, 4 and 6, "tip" has been deleted.

e) Claim 71 has been replaced with:

--The tip portion as claimed in claim 68, further comprising:

a complementary base portion including a top face, said top face being complementary to the tapered bottom face of the body portion and configured to be connected to the tapered bottom face of the body portion and secured thereon by the connection element.--.

f) In claims 72 and 74-76 line 2, "tip" has been deleted.

g) in claim 73 line 2, "tip portion" has been replaced with --replaceable tooth--

h) In claim 77 lines 3 and 4, "tip" has been deleted.

i) In claim 78 lines 2 and 4, "tip" has been deleted.

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- j) In claim 79 line 2, "tip" has been deleted.
- k) In claims 79-83 line 2, "element" has been replaced with --portion--.
- l) in claim 84 line 2, "tip portion" has been replaced with --replaceable tooth--
- g) in claim 85 line 2, "tip portion" has been replaced with --replaceable tooth--
- m) In claim 85 line 5, "tip" has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faye Francis whose telephone number is 571-272-4423. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross can be reached on 571-272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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